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"Borba", the official paper of the Yugoslav Communist Party, has recently received a new director and also a new chief editor (responsible editor) in the person of the Croat Communist, Ivan Sibl. Sibl, a former student, plotted and carried out an attack on German soldiers in Zagreb in 1942 or 1943. At that time he was wounded, and recovered from his wounds in the home of Dr. Milovan Zoricic, a member of the Hague Court. He later became a Partisan leader (1943) in the northern part of Croatia (Podravina Zagorje and Srijem). At the end of the war, Sibl was a colonel and later became a major general. After that he was often in Zagreb and Belgrade in civilian clothes mostly in the company of journalists, and not usually radical journalists, but rather anti-Communists or Communists who had not been exposed. Although posing as a journalist, Sibl has done little writing--a few articles and a little book about partisan warfare in Slavonia. Yugoslav newspapermen are of the opinion that Sibl was appointed to his present job in order to keep an eye on Vlastko Begovic, the director of "Borba", who is an international Communist (more of a Communist than a Yugoslav, and who does not enjoy the complete confidence of Tito).

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